

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 20 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1 and 3-7, drawn to a method for interacting with a user over a peer-to-peer network which implements content rating from a user, wherein the content rating provides an indication of the user's rating of a file.

Classified in Class 709, subclass 217.

Group II: Claims 8, 10-13, 15-17, 19, and 20, drawn to a system (method and apparatus) for protecting personal information during file transmission in a peer-to-peer environment.

Classified in Class 726, subclass 5.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1 and 3-7, with traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse as it is believed that search and examination of all pending claims may be made without serious burden.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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